

CAMEROON - KEY COUNTRY STATISTICS



FGM PREVALENCE RATE

The estimated prevalence of FGM in girls and women (15-49 years) is 1.4% (DHS 2004).

The prevalence of FGM in girls and women within the 15-19 age group is estimated at 0.4%, which appears to be 0.8% less than FGM prevalence in the 35-39 age group which is estimated at 1.2% (DHS 2004).

Figures also suggest a 1.2% difference in FGM prevalence between girls and women (15-49 years) who live in urban and rural areas, with estimated FGM prevalence at 0.9% and 2.1% respectively (DHS 2004).

The most prevalent type of FGM practised in Cameroon is 'flesh removed' (Types I and II) (85%), with 5% having Type III (DHS 2004).

The Cameroonian government to date has not passed legislation that specifically prohibits the practice of FGM; however, existing provisions of criminal codes could be applied to FGM (DHS 2004).

POPULATION

20,549,221 (July 2013 est.)

Median age: 19.6 Years

Growth rate: 2.082% (2012 est.) (World Factbook)

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Rank: 150 out of 186 in 2012 (UNDP)

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth (years): 52.1 (UNDP) or 54.71 years (World Factbook)

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 59.7 deaths

Maternal mortality rate 690 deaths/100,000 live births (2010); country comparison to the world: 9

Fertility rate, total (births per women): 4 (2013 est.)

HIV/AIDS – adult prevalence rate: 5.3% (2009 est.)

HIV AIDS – people living with HIV/AIDS: 610,000 (2009 est.); country comparison to the world: 14

HIV/AIDS – deaths: 37,000 (2009 est.) (World Factbook)

LITERACY (AGE 15 AND OVER THAT CAN READ AND WRITE)

Total population: 75.9%

Female: 67.8%; male: 84% (2001 est.) (World Factbook)

Total Youth Population: 83.1%

Female youth (15-24 years): 77.5%; male youth: 89.4% (2007) (World Bank)

GDP

GDP (official exchange rate): \$24.51 billion (2012 est.)

GDP per capita (PPP): \$2,300 (2012 est.)

GDP (real growth rate): 4.7% (2012 est.)

URBANISATION

Urban population: 58% of total population (2010)

Rate of urbanisation: 3.3% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)

ETHNIC GROUPS

Cameroon Highlanders 31%, Equatorial Bantu 19%, Kirdi 11%, Fulani 10%, Northwestern Bantu 8%, Eastern Nigritic 7%, other African 13%, non-African less than 1%

RELIGIONS

indigenous beliefs 40%, Christian 40%, Muslim 20%

LANGUAGES

24 major African language groups, English (official), French (official)

Data compiled by 28 Too Many, May 2013

© 28 Too Many 2013